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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know why a reduction in the number was made?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Out of the 800 copies purchased, we have 160 copies in stock even now, Government do not therefore consider it necessary to purchase 800 copies as on previous occasions 650 copies will meet our requirements for the present or for the immediate future. The amount asked for now is for the purchase of 650 copies at Rs. 4-8 as. a copy.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

Legislative Business.

THE TRAVANCORE BOILERS BILL.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I move that the amendment, made by the Sri Mulam Assembly to the Travancore Boilers Bill as passed by the Sri Chitra State Council, be taken into consideration. The amendment was read to the House on a previous occasion, and I am sure honourable members will remember what it is. It is only a formal amendment to substitute the figure "1112" for "1110" occurring in the short title of the Bill.

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: I second it.

The motion was carried.

The amendment was then put to the House and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE SURVEY AND BOUNDARIES REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I move that the amendments made by the Sri Mulam Assembly to the Travancore Survey and Boundaries Regulation (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Sri Chitra State Council be taken into consideration. These amendments also were read to the House on a previous occasion and I believe the House remembers them. As honourable members are aware, the main purpose of the Bill is to make the erection of false boundary marks punishable. The clause that embodies it has been accepted as it is by the Assembly. There was a proviso to that clause to the effect that false survey marks concerned may be

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removed and that the cost of such removal may be recovered from any person according to the judgment of the Magistrate. The amendment introduced in the Assembly is to the effect that no person should be made liable for such costs unless it has been definitely proved that it was he that erected the false survey mark. That idea was perhaps in the minds of the honourable members of this House itself when they passed the Bill. Anyhow the matter has been made clear by the Assembly by introducing appropriate words. I move that these amendments may be taken into consideration.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know who will bear the cost of removal of the boundary mark when the accused is acquitted?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I believe, Government.

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: I second it.

The motion was carried.

President: The question before the House is that in clause I, sub-clause (i) the figure "1112" be substituted for the figure "1110" and that in clause II under Section 34 (2), the portion beginning with "but" in line 4 and ending with "survey mark" in line 6 be deleted and the words "where such mark or object has been proved to be erected or placed by the accused" be inserted between the words "and" and "recover" in line 8.

The amendments were put to the House and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE INCOME TAX REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I beg to move that the Travancore Income Tax Regulation (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly be taken into consideration. The main purpose of this Bill is to impose a super tax on higher incomes, roughly speaking, incomes above Rs. 50,000 a year. The provision for that will be found in schedule III of the Bill as passed in the Assembly. Another important object of this Bill is to raise the rate of assessment on incomes above Rs. 15,000. It will be seen from the existing Regulation that the rate of assessment on incomes above Rs. 15,000 is 1 Chackram, up to Rs. 20,000. This is to be raised to 1 ch. 4 c. Again, the rate of assessment on incomes of Rs. 20,000 to 30,000 at present is 1 ch. 8 c.; that is sought to be raised to 1 ch. 12 c. The present rate of assessment on Rs. 30,000 to 40,000 is 1 ch. 12 c.; and that is sought to be raised to 2 chs. Above Rs. 40,000, it is sought be raised to 2 Chackrams in the rupee.

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